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REMARKS

Entry of the above amendments and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciated the courtesies extended to the undersigned during a telephonic interview with the Examiner on Sept. 2, 2005. The present amendments do not raise new issues or require a further search or consideration since they only incorporate into the independent claims the subject matter of the dependent claims of record. The changes to the claims are consistent with an oral understanding reached with the Examiner in regard to placing the case in condition for allowance. Specifically, the subject matter of dependent claims 3, 4, and 10-12 were added to the claim 1. However, the subject matter of claim 5 was not included since its inclusion is not believed necessary to sustain the patentability of claim 1. The other independent claims have been amended as claim 1. Several claims have been cancelled and amended consistent with the changes made to the independent claims.

Claim 1 as amended is patentable since it relates to a novel bag-like construction of a filter assembly that is placed over an electronic device. The claimed protective enclosure is not taught or suggested by the references of record. The Guttman patent is directed to a filter assembly having the requirement of a frame 14 that goes into the enclosure and not around the enclosure. The Guttman frame is intended to provide connection to ground plane within the enclosure for operation of an EMI shield. This is unlike the presently claimed bag construction. Moreover, the Guttman material does not teach the claimed filter material of the presently amended claim 1. Hence, claim 1 is patentable.

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Also, those claims dependent from claim 1 are considered patentable. The other several references of record do not show or suggest the claimed combination. It is respectfully submitted that the combination of references is based on hindsight and importantly do not teach or suggest all the claimed subject matter in claim 1, as amended.

The other independent claims 13 and 20 have been amended consistent with the changes made to claim 1. Hence, they too are patentable as well as their respective dependent claims.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing comments and amendments, the Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment should be entered, all the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and that the application should be passed to issue.

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